Variation in production cost due to use of different fuels

†3680. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are defferences in cost of production of chemical fertilizers due to use of different fuels in the chemical fertilizer producing units established in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the percentage of difference in the cost of production, consequent upon the use of different fuels; and

(d) the assessment made of the prices of fuels in the total cost of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Cost of production of urea is, among other things, dependent upon the cost of feedstock. The present weighted average rates for concession for different feedstock groups of urea units are as follows:

Group	Latest weighted average group concession rate (Rs./MT)
Pre-92 Gas	5500
Post-92 Gas	7455
Pre-92 Naphtha	16617
Post-92 Naphtha	12489
FO/LSHS	11430
Mixed feed	9272
Overall Weighed Average	9700

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

For gas based units, cost of feedstock accounts for 60% of the total cost of production, whereas for naphtha and FO/LSHS based units, it is about 75% of the total cost of production.

Setting up of Mega Chemical Industrial Estates in the Country

3681. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to set up mega chemical industrial estates in Haldia, West Bengal and Vizag, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a similar zone is also proposed to be set up in the backward Orissa region to improve its economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, assisted by Consultants is studying the feasibility of setting up Mega Chemical Industrial Estates at different locations in the country. A Task Force on Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) has also been constituted in the Prime Minister's Office on 20-1-2006, in order to enable quick and coordinated decision making and to provide an appropriate policy framework for the development of investment regions of requisite scale and level of facilities, with the involvement of world class developers and investors, in the field of petroleum, chemicals and petrochemicals. This Task Force will also finalize the number and locations of PCPIRs. A definite time limit has not been fixed at this stage.

High prices of medicines produced in tax holiday States

3682. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that retailers all over prefer to sell medicines produced in tax holiday State;